

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Larry Henry Steinhorst et al.  
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Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR UPGRADING A  
FIBER OPTICS NETWORK

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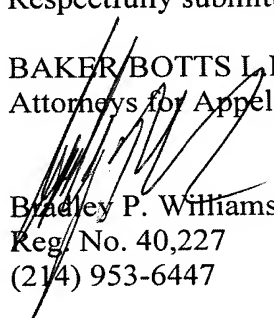
**REQUEST FOR STATUS**

Please advise of the status of the above-identified patent application. A Supplemental Appeal Brief in Response to Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief dated September 23, 2009 was filed by Appellants on October 23, 2009. On December 16, 2009, Appellants received a Docketing Notice from BPAI indicating that this application had been assigned Appeal No. 2010-001793. Appellants are currently awaiting a decision from the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

If there are any matters that can be resolved through a telephone conference, please contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number listed below.

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